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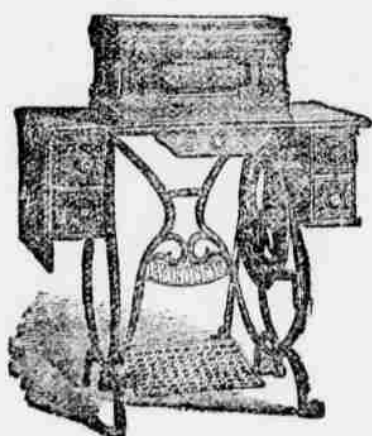
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COUNTY NEWS.

A. H. Whetstone and J. D. Lea of

Roswell, struck Lincoln Wednesday

morning. Joe goes to work on the

ERA.

The first of the week started out

in a brisk manner. Monday two

weddings were solemnized at the

Catholic church by Rev. Gardier.

Antonio Archuleta to Miss Eloisa

Moraga and Francisco Cordoba to

Miss Mariana Chavez, all being

young people living near town.

The day was made merry by music

and jollification, and in the evening

two dances were given in their honor

one at Sals' Hall and the other in

Seipio Salazar new dwelling, which

were kept up until late the following

morning. Everything passed off

pleasantly and all enjoyed themselves

hugely.

Monday night a mile or two above

town, a wretch named Julian Serna

stabbed the wife of Juan Lucero in

the face with a common pocket knife,

making an ugly wound, which, at

this writing, will probably prove

fatal. The knife cut was from one

side of the face to the other, the nose

being nearly severed and hanging

down over the mouth. The fiend

was drunk at the time of the stab-

bings. He had an examination the

next morning and was bound over

to await the action of the grand

jury. He is now in jail.

TULAROSA CANON--August 26th.

Truly the "exordium" is the pons

asynonum of a country correspondent;

that completed and the letter be-

comes easy enough. I have drawn

on Jupiter Pluvius for a "starter" so

often that I am afraid the old plug

is backing. Daily we hear him rip-

ping around in stentorian tones,

giving some one Hail Columbia;

while the reckless manner in which

he strikes the phosphorus across the

board plainly that he is on his ear

and I reckon I'd better let him alone.

Col. J. N. Smith, who has been

appointed a special agent of the U.

S. Land office, with headquarters at

Santa Fe, enjoys a remarkable de-

gree of popularity in his native

state, Arkansas. For a time, he was

managing editor of the Arkansas

Gazette, the leading Democratic

daily of that commonwealth, and

afterwards held the office of Com-

missioner of State Lands and Immi-

gration, under both the Baxter and

Garland (now attorney general) ad-

ministrations. His outspoken oppo-

sition to the payment of fraudulent

R. R. bonds, issued when the Southern

was a helot and the carpet-bagger

reigned supreme and from which the

state had never derived any benefit,

drew upon him the wrath of an aris-

tocratic Democratic ring of freeboot-

ers in the city of Little Rock. Retir-

ing from the Gazette he founded the

Arkansas Democrat, which at

once became the organ of the young

Democracy of the state. He has

stood fires of temptation, to which

few men have been subjected, with

honor unscathed. All the land

sharks in the territory cannot buy

him; those who are familiar with

his record can but regard his ap-

pointment as conclusive evidence

that the administration intends to

apply the knife to these cankers on

the body politic, land grabbing syn-

dicates.

John Walters has received the

New York World and the pictures

of Cleveland and Hendricks. "You

see," said he, "ain't the paper—

damn that—but it has been so long

since any of our crowd have been in

I like to have 'em where I can look

at 'em all the time." If John's con-

stitution will only mend up a little

he will soon have voters enough in

his household to re-elect Cleveland

himself. Take it easy, John. The

ship of state is all right.

"The skies above are blue.

Though she rocks a little it is true."

It is generally believed that Uncle

Tom Dryasell has a cast-iron lining

to his abdominal region. Discussing

the question a few days since with

the boys, some said he could drink

sulphuric acid without detriment to

his health. "What is the use, boys,"

I asked, "to slander an old man like

that?" Andy Wilson laughed and

said:

"Granizo, yonder goes Uncle Tom

to my house; I have a bottle of al-

cohol over there and I'll tell you

what I'll do: I'll bet you beer for

the crowd that when he tastes it he'll

insinuate that I have been putting

water in the bottle?"

This offer was received with hearty

applause, and I had to agree to the

proposition. So over we went to

the house which Andy entered,

while the rest of us spread out on

the green sward under the trees and

commenced chatting with Uncle

Tom. Soon Andy came out, bottle

in hand.

"Boys, there is some of the gen-

uine stuff. Pete himself brought it

for me from El Paso. Let's all

take a drink."

All had "just had their breakfast"

save Uncle Tom, who at once in-

verted the bottle and gazed at the

heavens for about a quarter of an

hour. Concluding, he remarked to

Andy:

"Don't send Pete for whisky, un-

less you want to save yourself the

trouble of mixing it. This stuff is

more 'an half water."

To satisfy myself I tasted the

liquor, and sorrowfully paid the bet.

"All men," says Sancho Panza, "are

as God made them, and some a good

deal worse." Uncle Tom belongs to

the latter class.

GRANIZO.

SOUTH FORK--August 19th.

DEAR ERA:—I can only write you

once in a while, as I am attending

strictly to my duties as a member of

the Christian Association. Since

Grant's illness and death I have been

rather uneasy, as us great men may

be called at any time. I am en-

deavoring so to live that I may meet

Mr. Grant and probably Mr. Ward

in the dim future.

I send you dos pesos for a new

subscriber.

Hon. Dave Catanach, an old timer

of southern New Mexico, is now issue

and property clerk at this point.

Apples, grapes, peaches, and

melons, from Tularosa and Las

Cruces, are passing here every day.

Geo. Gans, Esq., an old employe

here, has bought the Raper Bros.

ranch and cattle. Consideration

\$7,000.

A frame building, with four large

rooms, is being erected close to the

Traders store for the use of the

Agency doctor.

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